

Southeast PTO Minutes

April 7th, 2014

Members in Attendance: Cyndi Wells, Erin Christopher, Britney Lima, Amy Dunstan, Lauren Rodriguez, Erin Clark, Jennifer Mott, Lena Rossi, Christiane Burkhead, Esther Soffer Roberts, Jennifer Blanchard, Jessica Higham

Upcoming School Wide Events

Math Party: Wednesday, April 9th and Thursday April 10th in the evening.

School Vacation Week: April 14th -18th.

Screen Free Week: April 21st -25th. Pledge card poster contest, pep rally, talent show. An intern is working with Mrs. Irvine to plan activities for this week. Please encourage your children to join in.

Family Hike: Friday, April 25th.

Enrichment Clusters: Friday's in May.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: Friday, May 23rd. We will be purchasing food from Angellino's and will also be asking for food donations. A flyer will be sent out in the first week of May.

Scholastic Book Fair: June 3rd-6th. We need parent volunteers for this. If you can help please email the PTO.

Ice Cream Social: Friday, June 6th. We are thinking of possibly having a donation box during this for the buddy bench.

Southeast Art Show: Friday, June 6th. Art show, vision statement, book fair, ice cream social, possibly a happy video.

If you would like to help with any of these events please email the PTO.

Review of Proposed Budget/Recruiting for Officer Positions/Review of Committee Roles and Openings for 2014/15

- Amy Dunstan presented a spreadsheet of the proposed budget on the smart board. It will be voted on in May or June.
- We are in the process of recruiting for the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary. Amy Dunstan is planning on staying on as Treasurer. Erin Cristopher is still interested in being special events coordinator. If you or anyone you know would be interested in the role of President, Vice President or Secretary please let us know.
- Review of Committee Roles and Openings for 2013-14.
Elections will be held possibly in May but probably in June.

Principals Report

Smarter Balanced Assessments

- This is a test that we are piloting this year in the 3rd and 4th grade. Total of 5 days—splitting them up over three weeks. Parents are allowed to opt out.

Ms. Math and Math Party Nights

- Thank you to the PTO for supporting this. She has wonderful energy. Parents are encouraged to attend this night. She has visited first grade and second grade and Kindergarten (K had a brief amount time with her). Each grade gets three sessions (except K). It would be great to see her come back next year.

Enrichment Clusters

- If you are still thinking about helping with this please let Mrs. Rodriguez know.

Other:

Update on Safe Routes to Schools Project:

There was an open presentation which 40-50 people attended. You can write an email to the town council if you are in support of this.

Gardening Projects at SE:

We are looking for parent volunteers for this to sell plants in the morning and afternoon as well as to do some planting. If you have a green thumb and you are interested please let the PTO or Ingrid Hanka know.

The Aspire Meeting:

April 28th (Monday) at 4:00. There will be childcare. Aspire is designed to connect families in the community and the school. This is a planning meeting.

Help Needed: There are many committees that will need help next year. One of the committees that we need help with is the carnival committee for September. Erin Christopher, Erin Clark, and Patti Braithwaite have offered to help but we are looking for more help with this. Cyndi Wells volunteered to co coordinate the silent auction and is also looking for someone else to help with that. We are also looking for people that can sign up to get donations from places in the community.

Erin Ballou (not present) is interested in running the Jeannine fundraiser again next year.

We are talking about changing special person's day a little. For this year we don't currently have a coordinator. We are looking for some ideas for this.

Officer Reports:

Co-Presidents Report (Cyndi Wells and Erin Christopher):

See above discussion.

Secretary's Report (Britney Lima):

Minutes from March presented. Cyndi Wells made a motion to accept the minutes. Esther Soffer Roberts seconded it.

Treasurer's Report (Amy Dunstan): Handouts provided. We raised \$884.79 from the Munson's Chocolate Sale, \$807.00 from the membership drive, \$103.50 from movie night concessions and \$477.33 from the three school basketball tournament. Cyndi Wells made a motion to accept the treasures report. Jennifer Mott seconded it.

Please email southeastschoolpto@gmail.com if you would like an item added to the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Britney Lima
Southeast PTO Secretary